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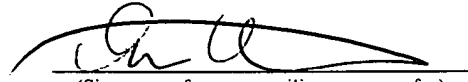
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☒ THIS IS THE 35 U.S.C 371 NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT/JP2004/016567 FILED

November 9, 2004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ Utility ☐ Design ☒ nonprovisional ☐ provisional patent application of:

Inventor / Application Identifier: **Akira OKABE, et al.**

☐ See Inventor Information Sheet attached

For: **WAFER SUPPORT AND SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD**

- ☐ This is a new patent application.
- ☒ This is the 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage Application of the above-identified PCT Application.
- ☐ This is a provisional patent application.
- ☐ This is a: ☐ Continuation Application  
☐ Divisional Application  
☐ Continuation-in-Part Application  
                     of prior Application Serial No. \_.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
 -- This is a ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional, ☐ Continuation-in-part, of Application
- ☐ Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

ENCLOSED ARE THE FOLLOWING:		
X	6	Sheets of drawings ([x] formal [ ] informal size A4 ).
X	26	Pages of specification including abstract and claims.
X	32	Total pages.
Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney		
		Newly executed
		Copy from prior application
		Inventors deleted; see attached statement
Sequence Listing		
		Computer Readable Copy
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		Statement verifying identity of above copies
X	Return Receipt Postcard	
	Preliminary Amendment	
	Assignment to:	

<input type="checkbox"/>	Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No. _.
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X	Information Disclosure Statement
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	MPEP § 2001.06(b) states that in a Continuation application, a Divisional application, or a Continuation-in-Part application, "the examiner will consider the prior art cited in the earlier application" and indicate in the first Office Action whether the prior art in the related earlier application has been reviewed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the examiner consider the art cited in the parent of this instant application and indicate in the first Office Action that such prior art has been considered.
X	English translation
X	Application Data Sheet

<b>PRIORITY CLAIMS</b>	
	Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provision of 35 USC 119.
X	<p>Applicant hereby claims the benefit under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of the filing dates of the following applications as indicated below and which priority applications are hereby incorporated by reference in the present application:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Japan Patent Appln. No. 2004-94230, filed March 29, 2004, Priority Claimed</b></p> <p>of which certified copies thereof</p>
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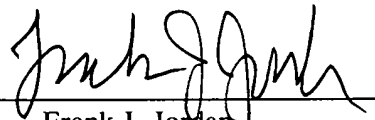
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[ ] Search Fee Utility				\$500	
[ ] Exam. Fee Utility				\$200	
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Small Entity e-Filed Basic Fee Utility: SEE BELOW "Small Entity is Asserted."					
[X] Basic Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage	—			\$300	\$300
[X] Search Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage	37 CFR 1.492(b)(3)			\$400	\$400
[X] Exam. Fee - PCT Nat'l Stage	37 CFR 1.492(c)(2)			\$200	\$200
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Claim Fees	Number Filed	Base Number	Number Extra over Base	—	
Total Claims	12	20	0	\$50	\$0
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200	\$0
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee	—			\$360	\$360
[X] Small Entity Status is Asserted	Deduct 50% of above fees				(\$630)
[ ] Basic Fee Utility - e-filed and Small Entity				\$75	
[ ] Non-English Specification	—			\$130	\$0
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$630

- [X] Payment of all fees, including the total filing fee in the amount of \$ 630 is by credit card. A form PTO-2038 is attached.
- [X] Please charge to Deposit Account No. 10-1250 any further fees due for filing or during prosecution of this application under: 37 CFR 1.16; 37 CFR 1.17; and 37 CFR 1.492.
- [X] English translation of specification, claims, and abstract of the International Application.
- [X] Copy of the cover page International Publication (WO 2005/093136).
- [X] Copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

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